The intent of the Wyoming Physician Recruitment Program is to enhance the ability of medically underserved Wyoming communities to recruit physicians to improve access to primary care for Wyoming's citizens. Hospitals, clinics, physicians and other appropriate Wyoming agencies can apply for up to \$80,000 in state funds to assist in physician recruitment. Awards are expected to be highly competitive due to the number of counties experiencing a shortage of physicians. The Wyoming Healthcare Commission's January 2008 report identified 17 counties below the national average physician to population ratio of 2.81:1,000. Eight of these counties are less than 1:1,000 with the two counties of greatest need at about 25% of the national average physician to population ratio.

The Wyoming Health Resources Network (<u>www.WHRN.org</u>) is the point of contact to submit applications and ask questions. Applications and additional information are available at http://wdh.state.wy.us/rfhd/rural/Physician_Recruitment.html. The application deadline is September 15, 2008. Awardees will be notified by September 30th.

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